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Dear Ms. Thompson:

Please find enclosed Bridge Builders Senior Services Post Event Summary Report and supporting information for our June 4, 2005, conference, "Alzheimer's Today and Tomorrow" Workshop. The conference was an outstanding success with over 100 individuals in attendance.

There was considerable interest in the subject matter of the presentations made, particularly that of our keynote speaker Jeffery Burns, M.D., Director of the Alzheimer and Memory Center, Principal Investigator of the Brain Aging Project, University of Kansas Medical Center. The title of his presentation was "Overview of Alzheimer's Disease – Today and Tomorrow in the Heartland of America."

We hope our conference will provide input to the White House Conference on Aging to be held October 23 – 26, 2005. If you have any questions or require additional information on the outcome of our conference, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gerald B. Lee, M.D.
President



Post-Event Summary Report

Name of Event: "Alzheimer's Today and Tomorrow" Workshop

Date of Event: June 4, 2005

Location of Event: Seasons Care Center Campus, Kansas City, Missouri
(Include city and state)

Number of Persons attending: 100

Sponsoring Organization(s): Bridge Builders Senior Services

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Please follow this format for each priority area, with the most important listed first. **Please ensure that your organization's name and contact information is provided at the bottom of each page submitted.**

Priority Issue #1: (describe specific issue)

Providing support and information for caregivers of those afflicted by Alzheimer's disease in the greater Kansas City metro area. Specifically the conference highlighted and focused on coping mechanisms and sharing of resources that are available to the caregiver.

Barriers: (list any barriers that may exist related to this issue)

In America, there are approximately 4.5 million people who have Alzheimer's. In Kansas Alzheimer's affects over 43,000 people. In Missouri, it's over 105,000. In the Greater Metropolitan Kansas City Area alone there are 23,000 with Alzheimer's Disease.

Proposed Solution(s): (list suggested solutions to the challenges described above)

The conference focused on a number of solutions, particularly in regard to an "Overview of Alzheimer's Disease - Today and Tomorrow in the Heartland of America." See attached conference brochure for more details. Also state and federal legislation was reviewed, particularly United States Senate Bill S602, "The Ronald Reagan Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act of 2005," including stem cell research that could provide breakthrough cures for Alzheimer's Disease. See attached conference presentation.

Alzheimer's Today and Tomorrow

June 4, 2005

How big is the problem of Alzheimer's Disease? Do we have a problem? Of course we do!

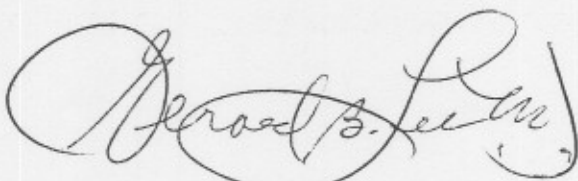
1. In America, there are approximately 4.5 million people who have Alzheimer's.
2. In Kansas Alzheimer's affects over 43,000 people. In Missouri, it's over 105,000.
3. In the Greater Metropolitan Kansas City Area alone there are 23,000 with Alzheimer's Disease.

The local statistics are from 2002*, so the figures are probably greater today. This is why you and I have gathered here this morning. Today, we will point out coping mechanisms and share resources that are available to the caregiver.

Now that we have identified the prevalence of this disease in our society today, what about tomorrow?

1. By 2040, 14 million Americans will have this disease.
2. People over 65 will have a 1 in 10 chance of developing Alzheimer's.
3. People over 85 will have a 50 percent chance of developing Alzheimer's Disease.

There are additional alarming statistics regarding financial, emotional, and other issues that we won't discuss right now, but will be addressed later on in the conference and are listed on pages 2, 3, and 4 of the Ronald Reagan Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act of 2005 to be introduced in the United States Senate this Fall.



Gerald B. Lee, MD
President
Bridge Builders Senior Services

*Statistics are from the Heart of America Alzheimer's Association, The Mayo Clinic, and the United States Senate Bill S602, The Ronald Reagan Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act of 2005 chaired by Senator Barbara Mikulski of Maryland and Senator Christopher Bond of Missouri.